

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 16, is amended as follows:

While it ~~[[is]]~~ can be advantageous to use non-volatile memory in a cache (e.g., the cache state can be maintained during system shutdown or a power failure), implementation problems may arise. For example, write requests associated with data stored in a non-volatile cache that occur prior to loading the cache driver may result in data corruption once the driver boots. Invalidating the non-volatile cache after the driver begins execution may avoid data corruption, but the advantage of a persistent cached data state is lost.